

## Commuting Successfully

If you are a commuter student living off-campus – either with parents, alone, with friends, with a spouse, or with kids of your own –then you are likely in the majority at your institution. This activity will help you think about your needs as a commuter student, in order to determine the most convenient arrangements and maximize the efficiency of your weekly schedule. It may require a bit of research to look into some transportation options or campus facilities, but that knowledge will pay off in the long run by saving your most precious commodity – time.

Transportation	
<b>What are my transportation options?</b>	
What is the most cost effective?	
Which is the fastest?	
<b>If driving:</b>	
How much is parking or an annual parking pass?	
Can I afford gas?	
Is carpooling an option?	
<b>If biking:</b>	
Where can I park my bike?	
Can I carry everything I need?	
What will I do if it rains/snows?	
<b>If walking:</b>	
What are the safest routes?	
Does my school offer a police escort service, and who do I call?	
<b>If taking the bus/train:</b>	
What route do I take?	
How much will it cost?	

Campus Concerns	
<b>Can I afford to eat on campus?</b>	
How much will eating on campus cost?	
Where can I reheat food brought from home?	
Can I rent a locker to store my books?	
<b>Where can I go in between classes to make time on campus more efficient?</b>	
<b>Are there student organizations for commuter</b>	

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students, or a commuter lounge?	
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<b>Off – campus Concerns</b>	
<b>Is my home conducive to studying?</b>	
<b>If I need a job:</b>	
How much do I need to make?	
What work schedule would be best for me?	
What work on campus, and where can I find out about on –campus jobs?	
How many hours a week should I work?	
<b>If I have a job:</b>	
Is it convenient to my classes?	
Is it adding stress and affecting my grades?	
<b>Am I finding time to:</b>	
Eat right? Exercise?	
Help with my other responsibilities (children, spouse, family needs)	
Take care of my needs?	
Get enough sleep?	
If no, what changes can I make to manage my time better?	

